

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 655 - SB 726

February 26, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any current preauthorization requirements and restrictions to be made available on a utilization review agent's online portal only if the agent maintains an online provider portal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 731 of 2014 included a requirement, effective January 15, 2015, for utilization review agents to make current preauthorization requirements and restrictions available on the agent's online portal. The provisions of the bill will lessen this requirement so that the requirements and restrictions only have to be made available if the agent maintains an online provider portal. Any fiscal impact regarding online portals of agents will be borne by private entities.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the provisions of the bill will not significantly affect the enforcement and oversight responsibilities of the department.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- While there could be some decreased business expenditures if utilization review agents were planning to create an online provider portal to meet the requirements effective January 15, 2015, it is assumed that removing these requirements and thus eliminating the need for the online portal will not significantly affect the business expenses of agents.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly legible.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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